

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
HELENA DIVISION

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TALEN MONTANA, LLC, f/k/a PPL  
Montana, LLC, and NORTHWESTERN  
CORPORATION, d/b/a NorthWestern  
Energy, a Delaware corporation, and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
United States Forest Service, United  
States Bureau of Reclamation, and United  
States Bureau of Land Management,

Defendants.

CV 16–35–H–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiff State of Montana’s Motion to Allow Andrew Wilcox to Appear at Trial by Zoom. (Doc. 351.) The motion states that Dr. Wilcox is one of two geomorphologists retained by Montana, and he is in Costa Rica and was originally scheduled to return to the United States by December 29. (*Id.* at 2.) However, his son tested positive for COVID, and now Dr. Wilcox must quarantine until January 8 before returning from Costa Rica. (*Id.*) The motion therefore requests that the Court permit Dr. Wilcox to appear by Zoom; he is expected to testify on January 4 and 5. (*Id.*) Montana subsequently filed a notice

stating that the motion is unopposed. (Doc. 352.) Montana has shown good cause to permit Dr. Wilcox to testify by Zoom.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 351) is GRANTED. Dr. Andrew Wilcox may testify via Zoom at the trial. The Clerk of Court will notify counsel via e-mail of the meeting ID and password. Zoom Guidance and Setup are available at <https://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/zoom-hearings>.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2021.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court